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A panel discussion held during commemoration activities of UF's 40th Anniversary of Desegregation held in 1999 included UF's first black graduate, lawyer W. George Allen (at left) and UF's first black enrollee, businessman George H. Starke Jr.

## Desegregation Pioneers to Be Honored During UF Constitution Day Program



Fifty years ago one man changed the course of history for higher education in the state of Florida. African-American, academically eligible, and eager to start his instruction, Virgil Hawkins was denied admission to the University of Florida College of Law based solely on his race.

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## Career Spotlight: Alumni Scott Sheftall Qualifies For Senior U.S. Open



Scott D. Sheftall (JD 76), a busy trial lawyer in Miami, hadn't played much serious golf for about 30 years until two years ago when he decided to pick up his clubs and play in a few tournament qualifiers. Still, it was mainly for the enjoyment of competition, and

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not with any conviction that it would lead him to golfing glory. Then his "little miracle" happened.

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## Student Perspective: Studying Abroad at Leiden University



The Netherlands truly is a different and interesting experience. Most importantly, the best way to navigate in, out, and around town is by bicycle. The Netherlands truly is the most bike friendly nation. Second, everyone knows English, but people are willing to help you learn their language.

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## Ruppert Discusses Threat That Building Has On Beaches



Thomas Ruppert, assistant in environmental law, was quoted in an article on state rules for beach building. "We seem to be building too close to the beaches and that threatens the continued existence of the beaches," said Thomas Ruppert, a conservation clinic lawyer and the report's lead author. But after reading state files on "well over 50" projects, Ruppert said, he and other lawyers couldn't tell how the department decided which projects to

approve.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Attention 1L's: Effective Sentence Structure Workshop

On Monday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m., Ms. Randolph will be presenting Effective Sentence Structure in Room 355C. If you are unable to attend, Ms. Randolph is also available in the Legal Research & Writing Office on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For additional information, questions or concerns, please contact Dean Mattox at [mattoxk@law.ufl.edu](mailto:mattoxk@law.ufl.edu).

#### University of Florida 50th Anniversary of Integration/ Constitution Day 2008, Sept. 17

"Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Integration of the University of Florida"

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom

Film, lecture and panel discussion on the federal constitutional issues involved in the desegregation of legal education. All are invited. Contact Melissa Bamba at [bamba@law.ufl.edu](mailto:bamba@law.ufl.edu) for details.

**UF Police Department to Present "Active Shooter" Program**

At the beginning of every week, check out The CCS BUZZ for a quick synopsis of Programming, Recruiting, Networking, Volunteer, and "SHIP" opportunities available to you. The CCS Buzz can be found in *FiaLaw Online*, via link on your Symplicity homepage after you log in, or you can pick up a hard copy in Career Services at 244 Bruton Geer Hall.

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### Sept. 19 and 23

Most of us have read the tragic stories of campuses and workplaces which have been visited by the awful event of a person randomly shooting. The University of Florida Police Department (UPD) has developed an hour-long program designed to inform employees about how to respond in the case of what is called an "active shooter" incident on campus and the College of Law staff members of Student Services and the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center invite you to join them for this informative program at the following dates and times:

Friday, September 19th — 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Monday, September 22nd — 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Both programs are identical so you may choose the best time and day for your schedule and both will be held in Room 180, The Chesterfield Smith Classroom, 1st Floor, East end of the College of Law Courtyard. Please join us and you may call Rick Donnelly (273-0703) or Rachel Inman (273-0921) if you have any questions about the program.

## News Briefs

### Environmental Moot Court Tryouts



Application Deadline Sept. 22, 2008 - Oral Arguments September 22-23, 2008

Interested in environmental law?  
Want to hone your brief-writing and appellate advocacy skills?  
Students in their second year can

try out for a coach position on the Environmental Moot Court team which will represent UF at the National Environmental Moot Court Competition in February 2009 in White Plains, New York. The coach provides logistical support to this year's competition team and attends the National Environmental Moot Court Competition in February 2009 in a support role. The coach is also automatically a member of the 2009-2010 competition team.

The application process includes a written submission (resume and argument section of your brief from Appellate Advocacy) and an oral argument tryout. You should remove your name and contact information from the resume and writing sample and identify your application with the entrant number you will be assigned when you submit your material. Early application is encouraged. Applicants are asked to sign up for an oral argument time slot in advance of turning in a submission. Written applications are due Monday, September 22, by 4:00 pm in Room 319 Holland Hall. Oral argument tryouts are scheduled for Monday, September 22 and Tuesday, September 23. For more information, contact Lena Hinson [hinson@law.ufl.edu](mailto:hinson@law.ufl.edu) or 273-0777.

### Student Affairs Welcomes Resource Counselor Keely Hope



Hope is a doctoral candidate studying Counselor Education with a concentration in mental health counseling. She received her master's degree in counselor education in 2003 from Mississippi State University. During her time in Gainesville she has completed a clinical internship, worked at an inpatient psychiatric facility and as a crisis consultant

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for the university's housing department. Hope is a licensed mental health counselor in the state of Florida and a nationally certified counselor. "As the resource counselor, I am here to listen to any type of problem that you may experience. It is not uncommon for students, especially those in a professional program, to experience anxiety or depression during their school years," she said. "These are issues that can be managed so that you may learn to handle stressors now before entering into the career world."

Mental health counselors are trained to provide services such as crisis intervention and post trauma growth, personal development, stress and anxiety management, psychoeducation, individual, group and family therapy, as well as substance abuse treatment and others. However, mental health counselors, such as a resource counselor, have no formal training in curriculum management, advising on school-related issues, or career services. For more information contact Keely Hope at [kjhope@law.ufl.edu](mailto:kjhope@law.ufl.edu) to schedule an appointment or drop by during office hours (Mondays and Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.).

### Trial Team Tryouts



Get Ready to "Make an Argument"

The award-winning UF Trial Team is pleased to announce the dates for its fall 2008 tryout competition:

Sept. 15, 6:30 pm: Round 1

Sept. 22, 6:30 pm: Round 2

Sept. 28, 9:30 am: Round 3, New Members Announced

Oct. 3, 9:30 am: Final 4 Competition

We encourage all interested second-year students to participate as this will be the only tryout competition the Trial Team will host this school year. To learn more about the competition, receive special announcements and the trial process, please sign up for "Trial Team Fall 2008 Intramural Competition" on TWEN. Students who were unable to attend the Informational Meeting are still eligible to participate. Details from the informational meeting is available on TWEN.